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1. Throughout this report, read Kiyev for Kiev, and Vasilkov for Vaziliv or Vazilkov.
2. Vasilkov airfield is located at N50-13, E30-18. Information dated 1953 indicated that Vasilkov airfield had an E/W concrete runway estimated to be a minimum of 6000 feet by 300 feet, with an extensibility of 1000 feet to the west and 400 feet to the east. The airfield has been used as a base for a military aviation school. In 1953 at least 30 MIG-15's as well as some four-engine aircraft operated from the field.
3. Staro Ziverskaya is correctly Starosiverskaya, located at N59-23, E30-06.
4. Ziverskaya airfield is correctly Siverskiy airfield (N59-21, E30-02). Previous information dated 1949 indicated that the runway was 3750 feet by 150 feet; that barracks were being constructed; and that hangar were being reconstructed.
5. In paragraph 2, correct location for the town of Gatchina is N59-34, E30-07.

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1. The following observations were made on 19 July 1955 while there was cloudless weather: An airfield was located near the village of Vazilkiv or Vazilkov (50 08 N/30 20 E) on the highway leading from Kiev (50 27 N/30 32 E) to Odessa (46 29 N/30 44 E), about 30 kilometers south of Kiev. The field had a concrete runway, about 2.5 kilometers long and about 30 meters wide, leading from northeast to southwest. Five barracks buildings were located on the northern edge of the village. Three hangars, located behind the barracks installations, could not be observed from the highway. Visibility on a large portion of the field was restricted by several rows of poplars, but 35 MiG-15s or MiG-17s, 12 U 2s, and 4 DC 3s could be seen near the buildings mentioned. Between 1000 and 1400 on 19 July, there was air activity by individual MiG-17s. No more than two aircraft were aloft at the same time. ¹
2. At 1030 on 29 July, observations were made on Ziverskaya airfield (59 22 N/30 03 E). This airfield was located about 20 kilometers south of Gatchina (59 25 N/30 06 E) just north of the highway leading from Mal Vyra (59 22 N/29 53 E) to Staro Ziverskaya (59 20 N/30 04 E). Ziverskaya airfield had a concrete runway, about 2.5 kilometers long and about 50 meters wide, leading from east to west. No observations could be made on the eastern portion of the field because visibility was restricted by wood. Four twin jet engine aircraft covered with tarpaulins were parked at the field. These jet planes had cigar-shaped fuselages, in the middle of which the wings were mounted. The elevator units were slightly swept back. The engines were mounted in the first inner third of the wings and projected about 70 centimeters over the wings to the rear and to the front.

A Token set was in operation 3 kilometers south of the airfield and about 1 kilometer west of Mehno (59 22 N/30 01 E). This set made 5 to 6 rotations per minute. Two soldiers with unidentified service color were seen near the Token set. Four masts, each about 15 meters high, with Umbrella-type antennas were erected at intervals of about 20 meters in a square near the Token set. The masts had four bracings in the upper thirds. About 100 meters north of the

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Token set, there were two radio trucks and two masts, each about 4 to 5 meters high, with Whifferest sets which made about 4 rotations per minute. No personnel was seen. 2

3. Between late June and early August 1955, especially on the "Day of the Red Air Force", new air force uniforms were seen in Moscow. These new uniforms were not observed outside of Moscow. The color of the uniform cloth was similar to that of the former German Air Force and darker than the piping of the previously observed uniforms. The uniform had a double breasted coat which resembled that of the former German Navy. On either side, the coat had a pocket with flaps. The coat was worn with trousers of the same material and with black shoes. The uniform included a visor-type cap, the visor of which was embroidered with an oak leaf, similar to the cap of the former German Navy. A golden cord ran on the upper edge of the visor and an oval cockade with Soviet star surrounded by a golden embroidery was above the cord. The whole emblem was topped by two wings. The officers wore a waist belt and an air force dagger on two straps. Epaulets were unchanged.

1. Comment. An airfield near Vaslikov is unknown.
2. Comment. Ziverskaya airfield is known. Information on the location is correct. No details on the airfield after WWII are available. The description of twin jet engine aircraft is insufficient and the identification of types is impossible.

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